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Our Graduation Service

With Dr. Paul C. Empie, Executive rector of the National Lutheran uncil, as the preacher, with a grad- ting class of seven, and with special sic by the Seminary Choir, under direction of Professor Gieschen, 1956 Graduation Service is set for evening of May 3rd, in Salem Lu- ran Church, Fremont. It is fondly ped that many of our friends will ail themselves of the inspiration of service, and at the same time will courage us who labor on the cam- s.

n the afternoon of the same day, 2:00 o'clock, the Alumni Association l meet in the Saint Timothy Chapel for an inspirational and business session. The chief speaker will be the Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

At 2:30 o'clock in the same afternoon, the ladies will assemble in the parlors of the dormitory to perfect the organization of a Women's Guild.

At 5:30 that evening, all alumni, former students and friends of Central are invited to the annual banquet to be held in the parlors of Salem Church. An hour of wholesome fun and followship is promised. Tickets are $1.25 and may be had from Dr. Thomas D. Rinde. Reservations should be made not later than May 1st.

Left to right:

OHN L. RINDE
From the Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska. Becomes the Pas- cr of the Grace Lutheran Church, Sutherland, Nebraska.

WAYNE F. CARMANY
From the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Becomes the Pastor of the Evangeli- al Lutheran Church, Calhan, Colo- ado.

VERNON A. HINTERMEYER
From the Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska. Becomes the Pas- or of the Zion Lutheran Church, Platte Center, Nebraska, and the mmanuel Lutheran Church, Madison, Nebraska.

ESTER L. LAMM
From the St. Paul English Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska. Becomes the Pastor of the St. John Lutheran Church, Scribner, Nebraska, and the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Uehling, Nebraska.

STANLEY C. ROGGE
From the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Washington, Kansas. Becomes the Pastor of the St. John Lutheran Church, Bendena, Kansas.

NORMAN L. CROUNSE
From the Methodist Church, McCool Junction, Nebraska. Becomes the Pastor of the Methodist Church, Craig, Nebraska.

RICHARD G. CHRISTENSEN
From the Trinity Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa. Becomes the Mission Developer for the Shoreline Area, Seattle, Washington.

From the President's Heart to Yours

Commencement is upon us! It is a season which always induces a reflective mood upon those who are about to commence their ministerial life, and upon those who had a direct part in their preparation.

Every normal seminary senior, as he approaches graduation, will experience a feeling of mixed emotions. He will have rather serious misgivings as to his adequacy for the work before him. At the same time he will all but revel in the prospect of actually beginning the work for which he has been in preparation for years. As a consequence of these two, he will be led to rely upon the grace of God and will experience a sharper and a deeper dedication. All this is natural and necessary. One would seriously question the readiness of any man to enter the ministry unless all three of these elements were present — and in rather generous measure.

But it is a time of reflection for the rest of us also, especially for us who have been directly responsible for their training. Are these students prepared in mind and heart — academically, emotionally, and spiritually — for their work? Have they been imbued with the willingness to decrease in order that He may increase; with a willingness to minister rather than to be ministered to? Is their attitude toward the Church, their future office, their fellow ministers, and their people, what it ought to be? Have I done my best in their behalf as an instructor, not only in the classroom, but also in my daily contacts with them? To what extent will any degree of failure on their part be traceable to me — to what I did or did not do? It is time for reflection for the Faculty.

The Board of Directors and the supporting Synods might also well be induced to reflect. They may well ask, "Is Central Seminary the best possible? Am I doing what I can for its development? Is it central or peripheral in my thought, in my giving, and in my prayers?

Commencement is a time for a reflection — for us all.

Centrally yours,

E. B. Reisler

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erland, Nebraska.....$5.00
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On April 25th. Pastor Robert F. orenz, Trinity Church, Pleasant alley, Iowa, brought his bride of n days to our campus, on the home-ard lap of their wedding trip. Mrs. orenz was Miss Roberta Kauffman f Davenport, Iowa. Central Seminary ould join the many friends in sincere ood wishes. Too, it appreciates their isit.

eaching in a Seminary

By Edward J. Mattson

"How do you like teaching in a heological seminary?" is a rather requent question asked me. I always nd it difficult to answer because I annot fully express my feelings of ratitude that my Lord has seen fit place me in this very responsible osition. In fact, that has been my at-tude ever since He permitted me to e one of His ordained servants. Re-ardless of the position in which He ad placed me in His Church, I have een conscious of the fact that He ad called me, through the Holy host, to serve Him and I have ied to measure up to the expecta-ons of the position. At no time have ever been without the consciousness the need of His help; at no time ave I ever considered my position un-mportant in His sight. That these ositions have been different is true, t all of them have been important. hen I realize that He had selected e, and I "see through a glass darkly", am humbled.

Not too long ago I sat with one of y colleagues in a service of ordina-n. As the ordinands stood before e altar my thoughts, for a moment, nt back to the classroom where ese men recently sat as students d, in a silent prayer, I thanked my rd for making me a part of their es. In His way, He had used me to lp them prepare for the ministry. had given me an opportunity to ve Him and them in that capacity.

am happy, too, to be associated h the men who teach at Central. ey are always gracious and cooper-ve. I have also been impressed with ir scholarship, humility and cheer-ness. Like the students, I have rned much from them — and am l learning.

ust as the pastor of the congrega-n knows that there is more to his ck than that which occurs every day, I have seen that there is e to serving on the faculty than room work. I refer to such mat-s as faculty meetings, regular and cial; services such as matricula-tion, supplying vacant pulpits, pre-Lenten programs sponsored by the seminary, commencement, and the like. In addition there are special student functions within the seminary and "extra-curricular" as well as the daily requirements of class preparation of lectures and occasional class examinations. Frankly, there is not much free time available except, perhaps, during the summer vacation when, as any teacher will concede, much time is required in re-arranging lectures for the next semester, accumulated books should be read and official sessions should be attended. It is a busy life but when considered, it is a life with many intangible compensations, an important one being given the opportunity to keep alert.

Our Church is progressing rapidly and to keep abreast of this activity the seminary teacher especially must be constantly aware of what the Church is doing and offering so that such actions as the Evangelism Mission, the new Common service Book, growth within the United Lutheran Church, advancement within the field of Christian education, and many others, may be interpreted and translated to our future pastors — our seminarians in order that they will be the better accomplished when they become pastors of their congregations.

Attending daily chapel services, officially functioning in some of them as a member of the faculty and conducting Sunday services in the capacity of a supply pastor with the biblical, doctrinal, liturgical and practical preparation entailed in all of these areas accelerates spirituality to a degree unlike most other arenas of daily living.

How do I like teaching in a theological seminary? Simply and categorically stated: I like it very much: It is my prayer that He will guide and use me in this capacity for many years to come and that when my teaching days are over my Lord will say to me: "Well done."

Final Words from Our 1956 Graduates

"One goal is reached. — that of a seminary education! This goes back to earlier years when the spoken challenge of a visiting evangelist and the living challenge of a pastor started a young lad thinking. Praise to the Lord for the blessings of His grace. That young lad was guided to new life in Christ, to new realization through Christian Education, and now, to new opportunities in the Christian Ministry.

Appreciation is extended to the loving concern of parents and pastors, to the spiritual guidance by instructors and friends, and to those many pray-

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ers that have been offered on my behalf, A new goal, — that of bringing the unsaved to Christ! May this goal be reached."

Vernon A Hintermeyer

"Central Seminary has given me many things which I shall always appreciate and use in the years of my future ministry.

First, I have had the appetite of my mind whetted to the extent that I realize my need for study the rest of my life.

Secondly, my spiritual life has been nurtured not only by professors, but also by my fellow students and friends.

In summation, I can say that I have a feeling of confidence and gratitude as I step out into a church that has been gracious enough to allow me to serve in its great task.

It is my sincere hope that Christ will use me as an effective tool to his Glory and the honor of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary."

Richard G. Christensen

"On June 1, 1949, the Central Lutheran Theological Seminary became the official successor of Western Theological Seminary which had been founded at Atchison, Kansas by the General Synod in 1895. The separation from Midland College in 1949 marked the dawn of a new era for Central. Under strong and able leadership steady and substantial progress has been made.

We who have attended Central, and who have received our training here are thankful that through the dark days of depression, wars, etc., the Lutheran Church was able to maintain a seminary in the middle west. The territory of the supporting synods covers almost half the area of the United States. The present Central attests to the wisdom and sacrifices made by those of the past, in the interest of keeping a Lutheran seminary in the heart of the nation. May the prayers of the constituency continue to arise to the end that the future Central may be even more influential in our great Church than she has been in the past."

Lester L. Lamm

"In the summer of 1953, I made inquiry at Central Lutheran Theological Seminary concerning enrollment, and was shown through its beautiful new halls. I clearly remember that the sight of its stilled study rooms library spoke peace to my soul; I knew that here I could study peace. As a Methodist minister I grateful to God for the enrichmen the great doctrines of the Church, for the great open door of the time parish. I thank Him, for influence of Central Seminary, Faculty, Staff, and Student Body.

Norman L. Crour

"One can hardly realize tha this is being written, there rem only one test and one class perio our seminary schooling. Soon world of Christ's ministry will up, and we, as seniors, will serve Lord in the capacity of full-time tors. Our seminary life has of many wonderful experiences whic shall always remember as we nisce about these years that we had at Central. Nineteen or tw years of schooling have passe most of us in our quest for this work. We appreciate these few at Central, and thank God fo Guidance to these high days i lives."

John L. R

"Doors are common device imaginatively exciting at times. closed they conceal, when ope reveal the beyond. They signify ginning or an ending. Thus it i with us who graduate. Stepping the same threshold together, ful for the past years of patie wise guidance given in love professors, we know this door lives is closing. Ahead are the doors of our respective fields o They lead us to a work in wh too will strive to serve in p wisdom, and selfless love. Of are sure, that our Saviour has these doors, and will conti guide us through them. By Hi we will follow."

Wayne F. Ca

"To say that I do not wish Central would be untruth. Bu same time I am somewhat fe leaving the shelter of the Se For if nothing else has been during the past three years, o has become quite evident; th of himself, is unable to un mysteries of God. But by the God, I pray that our class forth to fruitful service for

Stanley G.